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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Dawn L. Garrett	1794	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 March 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :3-20-06; 6-20-06; 12-3-07; 1-14-08.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is a 371 of PCT/JP04/18111 filed November 30, 2004. The preliminary amendment to the specification dated February 11, 2008 has been entered. Claims 1-13 are pending.

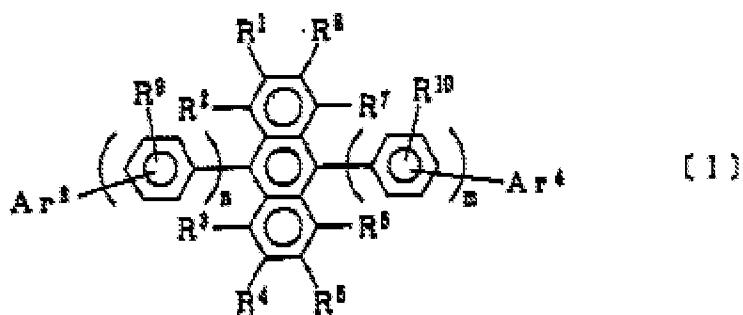
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

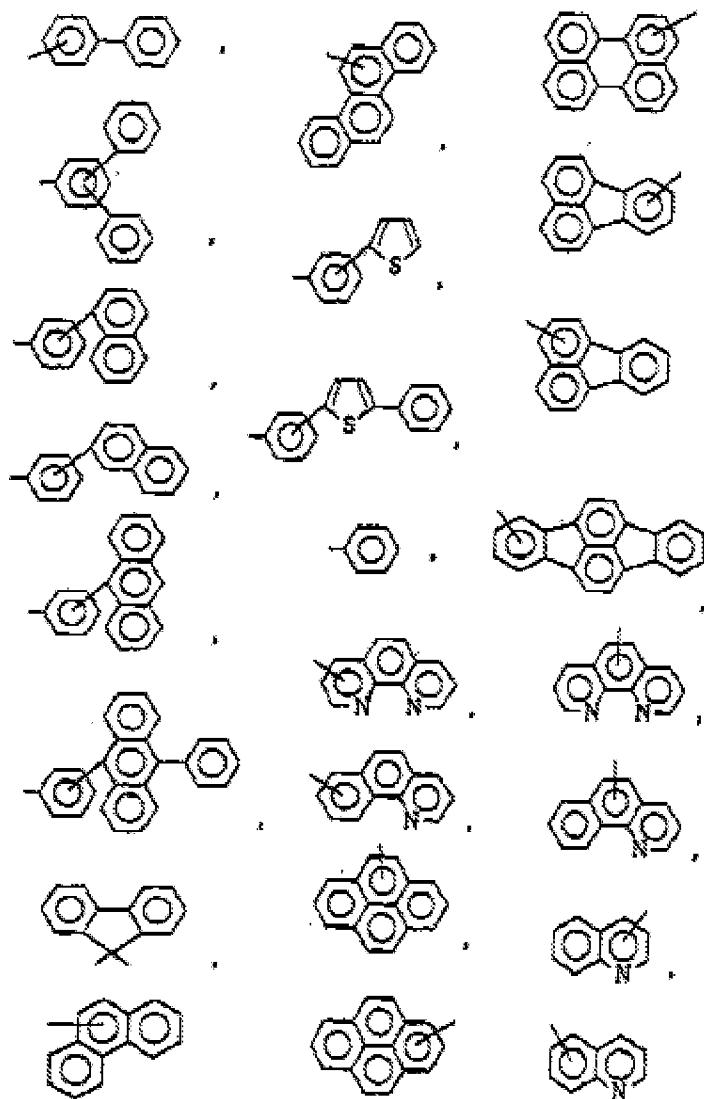
3. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda et al. (EP 1333018 A1). Ikeda et al. teaches organic electroluminescent elements comprising diphenylanthracene compounds in at least one of the organic layers (see abstract).

General formula [1]:



In the general formula 1 compound above, each R may be hydrogen. The Ar2 and Ar4 groups are independently selected as substituted or unsubstituted aryl groups having 6 to 30 carbon

atoms (see par. 8-9, page 3). Ar2 and Ar4 are taught to include groups such as the following (see par 35, pages 7-8) per instant claims 5 and 6:



General formula 1 shows that the Ar2 and Ar4 groups may bond at any position of the phenyl group per instant claims 2-4. With regard to instant claims 7-11, an organic layer of the device may comprise general formula 1 with further light emitting materials, doping materials, hole injecting and electron injecting materials (see par. 51, 40-42). With regard to instant claims 12 and 13, hole injecting material that may be included in the layer with the general formula 1

compound (see par. 51) may include triphenylamines of the styrylamine type (see par. 43, page 19).

Although Ikeda et al. do not set forth an asymmetric compound as an *example* compound representing general formula 1, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have formed an asymmetric compound according to general formula 1, because Ikeda et al. teach Ar2 and Ar4 may be selected *independently* from one another, which would result in asymmetric compounds. One would expect the formation and use of an asymmetric compound according to general formula 1 to result in a device having excellent efficiency of light emission and heat resistance as taught, because such a compound is within the teachings of Ikeda et al. as a desirable material for forming an organic layer of an organic electroluminescent element.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dawn Garrett whose telephone number is (571) 272-1523. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on (571) 272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1794

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